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(57) Abstract: The instant invention relates to a process for the preparation of hydroxy-vinyl-aromatic polymers in particular 4-hydroxystyrene polymers or copolymers by anionic or controlled radical polymerization of the respective monomer, wherein the hydroxy functionality is blocked with a protective group which is subsequently removed by reacting it with a halosilane reagent. The resulting (co)polymers have a narrow polydispersity and are useful for manufacturing photoresists.

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